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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOVIET EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE IN NORTH ATLANTIC
OCEAN STATIONS AGREEMENT

1. AT POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 29 ITALIAN POLAD
REFERRED TO NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED
FOR FEBRUARY 18 TO MARCH 1 IN GENEVA TO REACH NEW AGREEMENT ON
MAINTENANCE OF OCEAN METEOROLOGICAL STATIONS IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC.
THE CONFERENCE IS UNDER UN AUSPICES AND ALL WORLD METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION MEMBERS WILL BE INVITED, INCLUDING EAST EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES.

2. ITALIAN REP RECALLED THAT IN 1969 THE USSR ASKED TO PARTICIPATE
ACTIVELY IN THE NAOS AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS MAINTEN-
ANCE OF OCEAN STATIONS. WESTERN COUNTRIES HAD TURNED DOWN
THIS SOVIET INITIATIVE FOLLOWING ALLIED CONSULTATIONS IN NATO.

3. ITALY THOUGHT THE SOVIETS MIGHT TRY AGAIN AT THE UPCOMING
CONFERENCE. IT SUGGESTED THE ALLIES CONSULT ABOUT THEIR
POSITIONS BEFORE FEBRUARY 18 AND KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH IN
GENEVA DURING CONFERENCE.
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4. CHAIRMAN SET POLADS DISCUSSION FOR FEBRUARY 12, AND WE
REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR THAT DATE.
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